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| Title: | ENGINEERING THREE-DIMENSIONAL TISSUE STRUCTURES USING DIFFERENTIATING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS | | |

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Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006 ("the Office Action"), Applicant hereby submits the following Response. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A three (3) month extension of time, from September 21, 2006, up to and including March 21, 2007, is requested to respond to Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply. A payment in the amount of \$510.00 is submitted herewith, which is to be applied towards the extension of time fee. Applicant believes that no other fees are due with this Reply. However, if Applicant's belief is in error, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1721, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.